



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2021 Biennium

Bill #	SB0053	Title:	Revise meal reimbursement for public employees
Primary Sponsor:	Sesso, Jon C	Status:	As Introduced

☐ Significant Local Gov Impact
 ☒ Needs to be included in HB 2
 ☐ Technical Concerns
☐ Included in the Executive Budget
 ☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts
 ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2020</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2021</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$818,594	\$830,873	\$843,336
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$653,083	\$662,879	\$672,822
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$425,317	\$431,698	\$438,174
Other	\$0	\$552,600	\$560,889	\$569,303
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$818,594)</u>	<u>(\$830,873)</u>	<u>(\$843,336)</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 53 revises state employee travel and per diem laws to reflect rates that coincide with prescribed federal standard rates. This change would affect the meal rate and lodging rate for state employees. Actual costs from the legislation would be greater than those reflected above as this fiscal note reflects costs for the in-state meal rate only; the fiscal impacts for lodging expenses and foreign travel rates are undeterminable.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Administration

1. In fiscal year 2018, the in-state meal rate for State of Montana employees was \$23.00 per day. The current federal meal rate is \$50 per day, per the gsa.gov website. Beginning July 1, 2020 (state fiscal year 2021), this

bill would make the meal rate 75% of the federal rate, which is calculated to be \$37.50 per day. This is an increase of approximately 63% from the current rate.

2. The total cost for in-state meal reimbursement in FY 2018 was \$2,776,608. SB 53 would raise those costs to \$4,525,871, which is an increase of \$1,749,263.
3. An inflation rate of 1.5% has been applied for FY 2022 and FY 2023.

Montana University System

4. The total cost for in-state meal reimbursement in FY 2018 was \$429,650. SB 53 would raise this cost to \$700,330 for the Montana University System.
5. An inflation rate of 1.5% has been applied for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

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<u>Fiscal Impact: Department of Administration</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$1,749,264	\$1,775,503	\$1,802,136
TOTAL Expenditures	\$0	\$1,749,264	\$1,775,503	\$1,802,136
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$635,084	\$644,610	\$654,279
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$653,083	\$662,879	\$672,822
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$420,991	\$427,306	\$433,716
Other	\$0	\$40,106	\$40,708	\$41,319
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$0	\$1,749,264	\$1,775,503	\$1,802,136
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):

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<u>Fiscal Impact: Commissioner of Higher Education</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$700,330	\$710,836	\$721,499
TOTAL Expenditures	\$0	\$700,330	\$710,836	\$721,499
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$183,510	\$186,263	\$189,057
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$4,326	\$4,392	\$4,458
Other	\$0	\$512,494	\$520,181	\$527,984
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$0	\$700,330	\$710,836	\$721,499

Revenues:

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Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

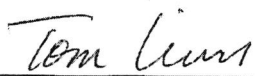
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